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From: William T Fujioka  
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### **MOTION TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO OPPOSE TO INCLUDE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURES IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT (AGENDA ITEM NO. 4, MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2014)**

Item No. 4 on the June 10, 2014 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Knabe that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation, expressing the importance of supporting jobs and businesses in Los Angeles County and opposing potential efforts by the Administration to include Base Realignment and Closures in the National Defense Authorization Act, for military installations in Los Angeles County or in any part of California.

#### **Base Realignment and Closure**

The Federal government utilizes the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process for transferring or closing military installations. Under the BRAC process, the Department of Defense (DOD) first forwards recommendations for realignments and closures of military installations to the independent BRAC Commission, which, in turn, submits recommendations to the President after reviewing the DOD's recommendations and receiving public comment. The President can approve or reject the Commission's recommendations. If the President approves the recommendations, they are submitted to Congress, which ultimately decides whether the recommendations are approved or rejected. Military installations have been closed in five BRAC rounds: 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995, and 2005.

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The President's Proposed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Budget includes a request for a new BRAC round to begin in FFY 2017. The President's request for a new BRAC round neither was included in H.R. 4435, the Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, which was passed by the House on May 22, 2014, nor S. 2410, the Carl Levin National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, which was approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee on the same day. Congress previously rejected requests for new BRAC rounds that were included in the President's budget proposals for FFYs 2013 and 2014.

### **County Impact and Conclusion**

As indicated in Supervisor Knabe's motion, Federal defense spending is a major contributor to California's and Los Angeles County's economy. When the Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB), which houses the Space and Missile Systems Center, was at risk of being realigned or closed in the 2005 BRAC process, the County advocated for retaining the LAAFB in the County, citing an Economic Development Corporation study, which estimated that the LAAFB contributed about \$8 billion and 50,000 jobs to the County's economy, and even more to the rest of the State.

A new BRAC round once again could put the LAAFB at risk of being realigned or closed. The County's Federal Legislative Agenda includes a policy to oppose proposals which would result in the downsizing and/or closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base. **Support for this motion to send a five-signature letter, expressing the importance of supporting jobs and businesses in the County and opposing the inclusion of Base Realignment and Closures for military installations in the County or elsewhere in the State, therefore, is consistent with existing Board policy.**

We will continue to keep you advised.

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